"MADONNA OF THE TRAIL"
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In Remembrance

Funeral services were held for the Rev. Vernon Benson, minister of our Anthony Congregational Church on April 2nd. Dr. Daniel Day Williams of Chicago Theological Seminary had charge of the service, paying tribute to his life-long friend as one of the most painstaking students he had known in his teaching experience. Former parishioners from McPherson and present membership in Anthony Church, gathered for the service, paying their tribute of praise in the silence of worship. Local church officers served as active pallbearers and ministers of the southern association were honorary pallbearers. The Rev. Mr. Holcomb of the Methodist Church spoke words of appreciation. The State Superintendent, in a few words, paid tribute to Mr. Besnon as one who had lived and labored against great handicaps, and in and through it all had demonstrated the vitality of a rugged faith. Many friends, instead of giving flowers, gave monetary gifts to Mrs. Benson and Siegfred. After school closes at Anthony, Mrs. Benson is considering taking up residence and work at McPherson.

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Centennial Year Outreach

In answer to a request sent out by the Rev. Hans Poppe before Easter, 56 churches responded reporting a total of 925 new members since January first. Losses by letter and death totalled 189, making a net gain of 736 members or a total membership in the state May first of 19,742, only 258 short of our goal of 20,000. We feel sure the goal will be reached before the end of our Centennial Year 1954.

Although nine churches in the state reported small losses since January first, the following reported net gains totalling 736:

Athol - 6; Carbondale - 1; Centralia - 3; Council Grove - 37; Dover - 16; Downs - 20; Emporia First - 9; Eureka - 2; Gaylord - 18; Gorham - 2; Great Bend - 9; Haven - 12; Hiawatha - 2; Hutchinson - 25; Independence - 4; K.C. First Pilgrim - 48; K. C. Rosedale - 9; K. C. Ruby - 28; K. C. Welborn - 50; Lawrence Plymouth - 37; Lenora - 10; Little River - 14; McPherson - 12; Manhattan - 13; Maple Hill - 8; Matfield Green - 17; Milford - 11; Mount Hope - 4; Newton - 14; Onaga - 48; Ottawa - 1; Partridge - 8; Prairie Village - 22; Russell - 20; Sabetha - 5; Smith Center - 3; Stockton - 5; Tonganoxie - 11; Topeka First - 50; Topeka Seabrook - 47; Topeka Seaman - 23; Towanda - 12; Wheaton - 7; Wichita Fairmount - 21; Wichita Pilgrim - 45.

Loan Fund Additions

Seneca has pledged $500.00 and sent a check for $350.00 of it. More than $100.00 was raised at a pancake supper. Haven turned an Easter offering of $105.00 to the fund. Udall sent a check for $25.00

75th Anniversary

A three-day celebration will take place at Garden City on May 16, 17 and 18 in recognition of the 75 years of service which the church has given to this western community.

The parish dates from the founding of the old First Congregational Church when meetings looking toward organization were held in May, 1879, a few months after the town was founded on the north bank of the Arkansas River. It was the first church in the town, as the Congregational Churches were the first in many towns across the state in those days of rapid settlement. Help from the larger fellowship made possible its first minister and the construction of the first church building.

Early meetings of the foundling parish were held in a loft over a livery stable. There is a tale that two townsmen on an occasion sat behind the preacher with guns on their knees to insure his proper hearing by a boistrous frontier crowd. No one now living confirms that but it forms a useable piece of the picture of pioneer life in southwest Kansas.

In 1897 the church merged with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to form the United Church. In 1928 the parish was incorporated as the Community Church of Garden City, seeking to validate its inter-denominational message. The church has maintained a close relationship with the Congregational fellowship throughout and these ties have grown stronger in recent years as the local parish and the denomination faced the challenge of relocation and expansion. The new building at Third and Walnut was dedicated in May 1951. Though many new families are coming into the membership the roll still carries names of children and grandchildren to the third generation of the founders of the city and the church. A remarkable sense of loyalty has brightened the life of the church through all its years.

Following the outstanding 12-year pastorate of the Rev. Marvin D. Brown the Rev. Paul R. Davis took over the leadership at Garden City late in February. Plans for the three-day celebration include a special worship service in the morning and Open House the afternoon of the 16th, a choral program on the 17th and a banquet on May 18. The Rev. Marvin Brown will come from Santa Barbara, California to be the banquet speaker.

Seneca at Work

Some twenty men in our Seneca Church have been putting in long evening hours on improvements at the Seneca church and parsonage. All the wallpaper has been removed at the parsonage and the walls painted. New built-ins have been put in the kitchen and all hardwood floors refinished. Mr. Robert Calderwood has been chairman of the project. The Ladies Union has assisted by furnishing money for needed materials and serving coffee and sandwiches to the men working.

This Is Social Action

How would you like a formula for an adult Social Action class that (1) made it easy to get outstanding guest "speakers", (2) encouraged a torrent of give-and-take discussion by all members of the group, and (3) trippled attendance in less than a month?

That's what happened at First Congregational Church of Topeka since a new type of discussion program was introduced this spring.

There's a wise saying in the magazine business that goes, "Nothing takes the place of subject matter." That's the axiom that has been put to work by the new program committee for the class, one of whose members suggested the idea of drawing upon magazine article topics that have proven themselves to be provocative, controversial, and close to the experience of average families.

Here are some of the subjects that have proven sure discussion provokers and attendance builders:

"How to Live With Television"
"Should Your Wife Go Get a Job?"
"How to Tell Your Children About Death."
"Should Our Schools Teach Sex?"
"What You Should Expect From Your Doctor"

For each meeting, an outside expert was invited to attend as a "guest participant", with the understanding that he would not have to prepare a set speech or actually lead the discussion, but could participate as the spirit moved him and to settle questions of technical fact. The manager of television station WIBW-TV was the guest the first Sunday. Other guests have included members of the staff of the Menninger Foundation and Southard School and a leading Topeka surgeon. In addition, two regular members of the group are "primed" to help get the discussion started after a brief reading from some magazine or book to set the stage. One week the chairman didn't even get to read the introductory material. The discussion got started before he could get to it! A good way to get ideas for the discussion is to watch for exciting and controversial magazine articles in the fields of family relations, child care, health, religion, and community life. Try to get something that is close to the average family and on which you are sure there are differences of opinion. Then you can't miss!

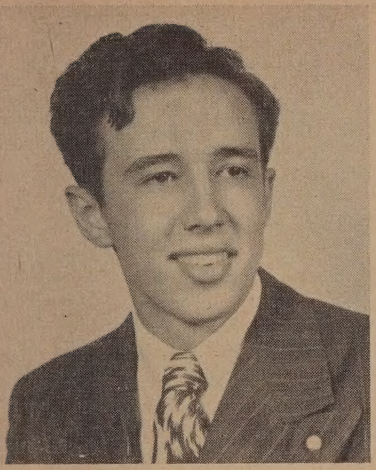
—Robert P. Crossley
Social Action Chairman
Topeka First

New Social Action Filmstrip

"First Church Serves Its Community" is a 33⅓ sound recorded black and white filmstrip. The story could take place in lamost any growing community. Vandalism by neighborhood gangs is the problem brought to the attention of members in the church. They are unsure of what should be done and are fearful to take action. It shows how to organize a Social Action and Community Service Committee and procedures that are effective in meeting situations. In fifteen minutes this filmstrip shows how members of First Church became "doers of the Word".

A Country in Crisis

This black and white filmstrip with written script outlines the role of some of our missionaries in the Philippines. It features Miss Frances Thompson of Dansalan Junior College, the McKinley's of Silliman and others.



T. Merton Rymph

Anthony Calls Minister

The Rev. T. Merton Rymph will begin work at our Anthony Congregational Church the middle of June. Formerly of Wichita, he has spent the past three years at Boston School of Theology where he will receive his S.T.B. degree in June. While pursuing his seminary studies he has served as pastor of the Lakeville and Tauton Congregational Churches in Massachusetts. He will be ordained by the Old Colony Association at the Lakeville Church on May 23.

He comes to Anthony highly recommended by the officials of the Massachusetts Conference, Boston University and members of his parish. In addition to his heavy school schedule and regular parish work the past year, he has conducted a weekly radio program "Churchman Afield"; has supervised the complete remodeling and redecoration of the Lakeville sanctuary and conducted Sunday afternoon services at a nearby prison chapel.

Mr. Rymph is married and has one son, Richard Douglas, 21 months of age. Mrs. Rymph is an accomplished musician. We extend a warm welcome as they join our Kansas Congregational parsonage group.

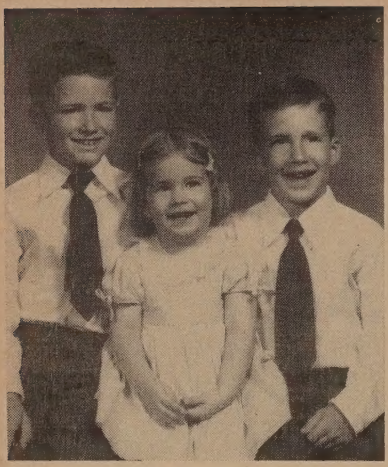
Pennsylvania Man to Eureka

The Rev. R. Banks Blocher of Malvern, Pennsylvania will begin leadership at Eureka June 15. For the past year he has been headmaster and Chaplain at the Phelps School in Malvern. Before taking this position he served the First Congregational Church at Neillsville, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Burton College, the National Bible Divinity School and has had further study at Penn State College and the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Blocher is single. His mother lives with him at Malvern and hopes to join him in Eureka later. He is a talented musician with a good singing voice and has done outstanding work with young people.

Welcome to Kansas, Mr. Blocher.

R. Banks Blocher



Buddy, Tommy and Ann Jones

Parsonage Products

Keeping Up With the Joneses

Meet the Jones children, Buddy, Tommy and Ann of the Topeka First parsonage, 1714 Collins Ave. Buddy and Tommy came to Topeka with their proud parents, Ray Carlton and Josephine Jones in August 1949. Ann arsived to bless the home three years ago. Buddy and Tommy live up to the Jones tradition of energetic action, having days when they go completely western. Ann is a bit more retiring and gives indication that she might follow her mother's musical bent. Needless to say life is never dull in the Jones household.

With spring at hand and summer vacations in the not too distant future, it might be well for us "to try to keep up with the Joneses" in seeking family happiness together. The Joneses have a brand new Plymouth to carry them on their family vacation together. We may not all travel in shiny new cars this summer, but we can travel and enjoy good times together as families. The Jones have been travelling in a car that had its unexpected breakdowns along the highways in the years just past. Breakdowns may come, or we may sail along the highway without mishap, but whatever comes, a happy family can have good times together.

The Jones keep open house and often invite guests to share their home life. These occasions are not formal, stuffy affairs. Those of us who "keep up with the Joneses" in inviting guests to our homes know that family life is enriched by keeping open house.

The home is still the best place to know genuine love and fellowship. This opportunity of fulfilling the ideal of 1 Corinthians 13 is a year round privilege for us all.

During the summer days just ahead, may we all experience the ways of love and happiness in the homes we make our own.

Religious Arts Festival

On April 11 the Fourth Annual Religious Arts Festival was held at Wichita Fairmount. There was a musical program featuring new compositions followed by an art exhibit in the new education building. Refreshments were served and visitors were invited to see the Sunday School arts exhibits in the various class rooms.

Service of Installation

On April 30 at 4:45 in the afternoon an Installation Council of the Eastern Association listened to a statement of faith and experience of the Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Sabetha. Following a courtesy supper served to the guests by the local women the service of Installation was held at 8 P.M.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Topeka Central Kitchen Shines

The Woman's society of Central Congregational Church is proud of its newly-remodeled kitchen.

It is equipped to ease the work of preparing the sum of 4000 meals it serves each year.

A modern dishwasher, chrome sinks, new stoves, plumbing and electrical equipment have replaced the obsolete facilities. An old storage closet was turned into a dish-washing room. Cupboards have been rearranged with an eye to step-saving.

Plans for remodeling started in 1950 while Mrs. Paul Worley was president of the society. At this time the society voted to put aside any money not used in the current budget for kitchen remodeling. The fund grew but costs soared. Rummage sales, pledges and serving more dinners finally brought the goal in sight.

Mrs. Frank Wells became president of the society in 1953. Under her guidance the work was started in January 1954. The society assumed the cost of new equipment and the board of trustees agreed to take care of structural expenses.

Never underestimate the power of a group of women.

Committee on Resettlement

Have you ever lost every material possession — by fire, tornado or flood? How many of us have been victims of circumstance or poor management to the extent of being bankrupt, after a critical illness, business misfortune or the desertion of friends? Probably very few. But isn't it true that usually, in a time of crisis, most of us do have relatives or friends who save us from spiritual bankruptcy by coming to our assistant? In these United States most victims of misfortune usually pull through with either personal or organized aid — with scars, yes, but seldom completely ruined.

Such is not the case among the many refugees from Communism. It is easy for us to recognize need in our own country and, thanks to our churches and government, it need not be hard for us to broaden our view and recognize need wherever it exists in the world.

Among our Congressional leaders are many dedicated churchmen whose leadership we respect. We would do well to follow them. Can we grow up enough to avoid negative attitudes — instead of always spot-lighting errors in high places — can we seek out the good things and work FOR them — not fight fire with fire, but pit good against bad?

The Refugee Relief Act is just such a tool. As Congregationalists we did

a good job helping displaced persons. Our Congregational-Christian Service Committee resettled about 4200 of these unfortunate people. Now with government paths laid out, it is again possible to help relocate a limited number of refugees in this country.

The April 19, 1954 issue of Advance carries a short, pertinent article on page 18 titled, "New Life for Them If We Help". It gives a bird's eye view of the background and future possibilities. That article leads us back to an earlier article published in the September 21, 1953 (page 13) Advance.

And now available, through Charles S. Sowder, Chairman of the Committee on Resettlement of our C. C. Service Committee, are detailed outlines about just how any of us may participate. Also available are the forms issued by the Department of State headed "Assurance by an Individual Sponsor with endorsement by an Organization Recognized by the Administration." Our church, coordinating with the Church World Service, a department of the National Council of Churches, is "An Organization Recognized."

The details of "how to help a refugee" are no longer difficult to understand. Whether or not you are willing to actually sponsor a refugee and be responsible for bringing him into this country, you may know someone who is. The least some of us can do is to be the "information desk." Write to Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y., for concise, but detailed information sheets and a sample copy of the State Department "Assurance" form. Then see that the story is told in your own community.

—Mrs. Ralph N. Ewing,
Social Action Secretary

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor:

Mrs. Eva Shinn Haley
By Ottawa Congregational Women

Mrs. Louisa Moore
Mrs. Lillie Gray
By Whitewater Church

Mrs. H. S. Bassett
Mrs. Robert McAdams
By Kansas City Ruby Women

Mrs. Marie Blum
By Stockton Church

Mrs. Martha Marshall
By Lincoln Church

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Pickens
By Garden City Church

Remember Catton Meetings

Miss Ione Catton will give three days in Kansas. Don't miss the meeting in your association!

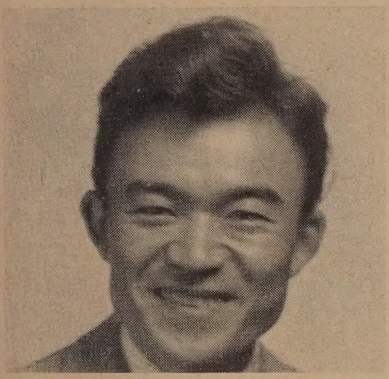
Topeka Central . . . . . May 25
McPherson . . . . . May 26
Osborne . . . . . May 27

K. C. Rosedale Guild

A recent project was the complete re--arrangement of the parsonage kitchen with new cabinets and a shining new sink. Redecoration of the entire downstairs is planned.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Brown, President **Mike Walker, Secretary**



Mr. Toshihiro Takami

Summer Camps

Camping means different things to different people. It largely depends upon the varying experiences that each one has. Young people have said: "The friends I've made during my years at camp are among my dearest friends. We live in close association with people with the same ideals as our own." To others the worship experiences have been especially unique. "Sitting in early Morning Watch; or by an old tree stump to commune with God in daily personal devotions; or as the sun sets and shadows of evening settle down on Vision Hill one gains inspiration and peace within." Whether it is the adventure of making new friends, a vesper service, or the campfire circle it is certain to be of lasting value to each one. Special guest leaders bring messages of their experiences and share with all some of their time and talent. At Camp Russell May 30 - June 5 Mr. Toshihiro "Tommy" Takami will give a stirring and colorful message to young people. When he was a boy of high school age he lived as a youthful monk in an old Buddhist Temple in Kyoto, Japan. He later served in the Japanese Navy and worked as a cooolie. His decision to dedicate his life and talents to the Christian ministry came through his association with Albert Faurot in Kobe College where he studied music, and served as house servant. He is deeply interested in music and plays an ancient bamboo flute. At present he is a student in Doane College.

Miss Edna May Barstow, had a dream come true when she came to the U.S. for study in 1952. Born in Japan and early orphaned, she was brought up by Japanese relatives on the island of Awaji. She studied at Doshisha University before she entered Doane College where she is studying at the present time. Her father was Ebenezar Barstow of Brooklyn, New York, a sea captain who helped the Japanese build up their Merchant Marine. Edna May and her sister entered America with

Miss Edna May Barstow

unusual fanfare because the interest in their unique background was shared by the newspapers, radio and television. She will teach a quest "Out Of My Life" at both Senior and Junior Hi camps at WaShunGa. Health cards and camp folders are available from Conference Office for Camp Russell, May 30-June 5 and Camp WaShunGa, Senior Hi, June 6-12 and Junior Hi, June 13-19.

Scholarships and Awards

Outstanding honors have come to two Topeka PFers. Roger Brown, Topeka Central and our State President, has recently been notified that he is to receive the Navy ROTC Scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Kansas.

Nancy Kay, Topeka First, received both city and state titles for the outstanding Junior Citizen. This award is based on leadership, character and service. Nancy is now eligible and will enter the National awards project.

Now Is The Time

Send in camp registrations. Elect officers. Plan a program for the summer. Planning retreats, picnics and extra activities may be held to good advantage for a good start next fall.

Looking Forward

Christian Action projects for next year will be on India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and the City (home missions). Titles and projects will b eannounced soon.

Around the State

Ellis — Twenty-two young people initiated the new outdoor fireplace with a weiner roast recently.

Topeka Seabrook — A chili supper produced $56 for this group. They paid their pledge and had money for some program materials.

Wichita Pilgrim — On April 4 the topic for discussion was "What Parents Expect of Teenagers".

Sabetha — Their service project was washing the windows of the parsonage. During Lent they discussed Christian Faith and Life. Some meetings were held in homes.

Russell — This group volunteered their services for assembling the church newsletter — "Wings". On April 24 another bake sale was sponsored at a downtown store.

Lawrence — On March 28 a sightseeing trip was taken to Topeka to visit the historical museum and capitol building. A Workday for Christ was observed April 24. Young people were available for many types of work as well as washing cars.

Centralia — The Junior Hi's went skating April 17 at Sycamore Springs. A special Easter Vesper service was held in the park.

Easter Services

Space does not permit reporting the many fine services. They varied from Sunrise services, breakfasts to egg hunts.

Literature

"God In Our Lives" is the new Youth Fellowship Program Manual. A series of excellent devotional materials are "Gates of Beauty", "Pathways of Prayer", and "Windows of Worship". "Careers For You" may help some to decide on their lifework.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Miss June Meador, Newton

Student Summer Service

Two of our own Kansas girls will be working in our churches this summer. Miss Barbara Bell, McPherson, now attending the University of Kansas and Miss June Meador, Newton, who is at Doane College, Crete, Nebr. have volunteered for this service. Both have been active in Pilgrim Fellowship and served as counselors at Junior Hi Camp. Barbara was a team member last summer on the National Youth Caravan and served in California. June is an accomplished pianist and both have had experience in handcrafts. They will attend the Laboratory Training Conference in McPherson in June which is sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches. Plans have been made at this time for assisting in Vacation Church Schools at Colonial Church in Prairie Village, Stockton and Onaga. The Student Summer Service Program, begun in 1915, is sponsored by the Board of Home Missions, and is under direction of the local Conference. All expenses for the students are paid. Churches served are expected to furnish room and board.

How You Can Help

Funds for this service are largely supplied through the Children's Day offerings from our churches which have traditionally supported this important program. This service extending from coast to coast is a two-fold ministry. In addition to the services rendered, it gives seminary and college students

Miss Barbara Bell, McPherson

an opportunity for using the summer months to try out their skills and learn, not from books, but working with people.

Children's Day Service

We also call your attention to the service outlined in the Pilgrim Series Program Manual, "We Would Be Christian." Extra copies available from Pilgrim Press at 30 cents per copy. Special offering envelopes are available free from the Missions Council, 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago.

Tea For Parents

Parents of the Downs Sunday School children were invited to the church March 28 for this occasion. Materials used in the church school were explained and exhibits of the children's handwork of the previous quarter were displayed. Teachers and children both participated in the program.

Are You Having A Vacation Church School?

This can be one of the most important Church School experiences for children of your community. The amount of time in a two week school is equivalent to half the entire calendar year for Sunday morning classes. If you have not made plans for this important activity, please contact Miss Pauline Bloomer of the Conference Ofice. There are available materials as well as services which can be arranged through the Student Summer Service program.

Have A Service Project

There are many children around the world who do not have suitable story materials. The project outlined for Vacation Church Schools this year is to send story picture booklets which have been prepared in different languages. Your gift of $1.00 will send twelve of these booklets to any country you choose. We have folders describing this in detail. You may have one upon request. Mrs. Walter Ives, Mount Hope, tells about the wonderful experience she had last year with her pupils through their service project:

Gift boxes being prepared at Mount Hope

"A friendly Service project for the Mount Hope Vacation Church School proved to be of especial interest to the twenty-two Intermediates who took the course last summer. The object of the creative work was to send decorative boxes filled with useful things to boys and girls of the same age as the senders. The boxes were sent to various countries including Holland. Each boy and girl could put in several things he chose in addition to the requested articles such as tooth-brush, wearing apparel. A copy of one book from the Bible was included, and several sent a group picture of the class and a religious picture." (Space forbids printing some of the interesting replies received from the recipients.

Teacher Training

The afternoons of May 10, 11, and 14 were set aside for teachers and substitutes in the Russell Church School for special training sessions. Emphasis was made on how persons learn and helpful materials were used on general teaching techniques.

Dedication at Bazine

The Bazine (German) Congregational Church known locally as St. Paul's Church, dedicated a fine new church structure on Sunday, April 25th. Rheinhold Klein has served this, his first church out of seminary (Yankton), for the past four years. One stands in amazement before this beautiful modern church and wonders how it could have been built at the cost of $31,000. The answer is to be found in the many hours of volunteer labor contributed by pastor and people. The old church building was torn down by volunteer workers to make place for the new structure made of concrete blocks, brick, and steel, roofed with red cedar decking four inches thick. The building has an interior of 4,200 cubic feet of floor space, given to the sanctuary, parlor, office, kitchen and class rooms.

The Rev. R. B. Kissler, pastor at large of the German Churches, preached at the morning and evening services, as did the visiting minister, the Rev. John Hoersch. Dr. Rymph preached the dedicatory sermon at the afternoon service. Greetings were brought from our conference to the church by Elmer Wedell, chairman of the Church Loan Fund; Hans Poppe of Russell and Malcolm White of Kinsley. German churches from Texas to South Dakota sent lay representatives with gifts. The membership of the church is 85, but is growing. Rheinhold Klein has been called to serve a like church in California where added church building facilities are needed. Herbert Neu will become the pastor of the St. Paul Church in August.

It was a real inspiration to share the fellowship of this church on its day of dedication. The German Churches have much to teach us all in stewardship and church loyalty.

As for the two church dinners served, all one can say is, the quality and the quantity of food, well deserves the rating of Hines.

St. Paul's will entertain the German Conference May 21 - 23rd.

Floyd C. Wright to Almena

The Rev. and Mrs. Wright, formerly of Thedford, Nebraska, began work at Almena the first of May. Mr. Wright formerly a Y.M.C.A. secretary has served Congregational Churches in Michigan and Minnesota before coming to Nebraska. The Wright's have three grown children.

Bill Williams Ill

The Rev. William T. Williams, retired minister of Council Grove, has been ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edna Hill, for the past six weeks. Mr. Williams was one of the Kansas men to receive recognition for more than 50 years as an ordained minister at the Centennial Conference.

Corner Stone Laying

On May 2, at four in the afternoon the cornerstone of the new Seabrook Congregational Church was laid with fitting ceremony. Supt. Rymph, the Rev. Elmer Erickson and officers of the church took part.

Kansas City Ruby

A member of the Ruby church reports progress in all areas of the church life; increased giving, increased membership and increased attendance. Thirty new choir robes add to the worship services. Money has been raised to send young people to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. The church basketball team won second place in the league and a softball team is being sponsored. The Rev. Kenneth A. Holmes is minister.

Kansas Giving

To April 30, 1954

Church	1954 O.C.W.M. Quota	PAID	Loan Fund Pledged or Paid
Almena	$ 350.00	$ 87.50	$ 500.00
*Anthony	400.00	100.00	368.00
*Athol	150.00	50.00	175.00
Bazine			250.00
Cargondale	125.00	32.00	100.00
Centralia	300.00	28.00	100.00
*Coun. Grove	300.00	150.00	
*Cumberland	20.00	5.00	
Dover	100.00	100.00	
*Downs	300.00	75.00	
Ellis	300.00		800.00
*Emporia 1st	1,600.00	425.00	1,700.00
* Sardis	200.00	50.00	400.00
Eureka	600.00	150.00	900.00
*Ford	400.00	100.00	850.00
*Garden City	1,500.00	375.00	281.55
*Garfield	150.00	37.50	200.00
*Gaylord	200.00	21.65	
*Gorham	100.00	100.00	
*Great Bend	2.500.00	1,111.12	2,000.00
*Haven	300.00	75.00	143.00
*Hiawatha	80.00	20.00	
*Hutchinson	600.00	300.00	
*Independence	200.00	100.00	450.00
Kansas City			
* 1st Pilg.	1,000.00	500.00	1,350.00
* Rosedale	500.00	125.00	900.00
* Ruby	500.00	168.00	1,000.00
* Welborn	1,500.00	375.00	1,500.00
Kinsley	600.00	250.00	1,000.00
Kiowa	300.00	100.00	300.00
Kirwin	100.00		
Lawrence P.	5,000.00	1,666.66	3,300.00
Leavenworth	400.00		
*Lenora	400.00	400.00	700.00
Leona	50.00		50.00
*Lincoln	100.00	25.00	
*Little River	300.00	300.00	500.00
*McPherson	1,000.00	250.00	2,000.00
*Maize	200.00	200.00	400.00
Manhattan	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00
*Maple Hill	400.00	50.00	
Mound City	50.00	50.00	
*Milford	300.00	150.00	250.00
*Mount Hope	500.00	125.00	
*Muscotah	150.00	37.50	300.00
Neola	50.00		
Newton	600.00	100.00	1,000.00
Olive Hill	100.00		
*Onaga	400.00	100.00	500.00
*Osborne	900.00	225.00	1,344.00
*Ottawa	500.00	125.00	400.00
*Partridge	500.00	250.00	800.00
Pleas't Hill	100.00		
Pleas't Home	600.00		500.00
Plevna	200.00		
Prairie Vil.	1,500.00	375.00	1,800.00
*Russell	680.00	170.00	1,250.00
Sabetha	1,800.00	450.00	2,000.00
*Sedgwick	200.00	50.00	200.00
*Seneca	150.00		500.00
*Smith Cent.	150.00	37.50	600.00
*Stanley	400.00	200.00	500.00
St. Marys	50.00		
Stockton	300.00		
Tonganoxie	350.00		33.12
Topeka			
Central	4,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
* First	3,000.00	816.68	3,000.00
Seabrook	400.00	100.00	1,400.00
Seaman	1,200.00	300.00	1,200.00
*Towanda	150.00	37.50	500.00
*Udall	75.00	18.75	25.00
*Wakefield	300.00	75.00	300.00
*Wheaton	150.00	37.50	200.00
Whitewater	1,250.00	282.00	1,250.00
Wichita			
* Fairm't	2,600.00	820.00	2,000.00
* Pilgrim	1,000.00		1,200.00
* Plymouth	6,050.00	1,525.00	7,500.00

* Indicates Per Capita is Paid.

A RESPONSIVE SERVICE

By Olive Garvey

Leader: The last mandate which Jesus gave to his disciples as recorded by Matthew was: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

People: This was the mission for which the church was established. In pursuance of this command, early Congregationalists, one segment of the great universal church, came to seek a new land and found a free, Christian nation in North America.

Leader: Jesus said: "Baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

People: In order to meet the spiritual requirements of all the people, Congregationalists built many churches in New England, and as the country spread, these churches followed the path of empire. There are now more than five thousand Congregational churches with a membership of more than one and a quarter million in the United States. Due to the success of the Church Building Fund campaign, nearly a hundred new projects are under construction.

Leader: Jesus said: "Teach them to observe all I have commanded you."

People: Once established in America, the Congregationalists began obeying Christ's decree to carry the gospel to other nations. The American Board for the Commission of Foreign Missions, the first missionary board in America, established churches in fifteen countries.

Leader: Paul says in his letter to the Romans: "One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike."

People: In order to meet the needs of every day among the people of these mission stations, the American Board supports more than a hundred schools and colleges, and nearly thirty service and rehabilitation centers. In these centers, agricultural methods, health education, homemaking and other problems of daily life are taught: The Home Board does the same kind of work in needy areas in the South and West.

Leader: Mark said to Jesus: "As he landed he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

People: Congregationalists were the first to realize the need for education in our new land. Forty-seven of our most distinguished seats of higher learning were started by our forebears. From Yale, Harvard, Mount Holyoke, through Oberlin and Fairmount, to Fisk and Dillard in the South, the Congregational banner was borne.

Leader: Isaiah said: "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of thy salvation."

People: The American Missionary Association, working under the Board of Home Missions, still assists in the operation of seventeen schools and colleges throughout the South, for both white and negro. Our Education Department provides the tools of religious education for all our churches, by the means of printing, films and records. Our National church publication is "The Advance".

Leader: Paul said: "I do not account my life of any value, nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my courage and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

People: To train the youth of our own country and the products of our mission schools

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abroad, who have dedicated themselves to the ministry, our denomination maintains three seminaries and is affiliated with eight others. It conducts ministerial conclaves, and offers refresher and inspirational courses at our three summer camps.

Leader: Jeremiah records: "I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal", says the Lord.

People: The Home Missions Board maintains three hospitals here and in Puerto Rico. The American Board has medical missionaries and over forty hospitals and dispensaries in nine different countries.

Leader: The master said to the servant: "Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."

People: Leila Anderson and her Circuit Rider's station wagon is riding the highways, carrying help and knowledge to remote plac. In the far reaches of the western plains a minister serves a vast area by airplane. Our home churches are helped to conduct personal visitations to the unchurched. Our representatives work in the blighted areas of great cities, with immigrants at Ellis Island, with migrants in the west, with the armed services, in new industrial and housing districts, with Ozark mountaneers and the Indians of the Dakotas.

Leader: Nehemiah stated: "The children of Isreal read the book from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

People: One of the significant accomplishments of our time is the revolutionary method of reading, invented by our own great missionary, Dr. Frank Laubach. He has reduced several hundred languages and dialects to simple written systems. so the illiterate billions may for the first time "read from the book", and get the sense of what they read.

Leader: Peter said: "As each has received a gift, employ it for another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

People: All these services and many others rendered by your Congregational agencies are united into one effort known as Our Christian World Mission. For it's support, we are asked to give six dollars a year, per capita. Do you know of any place where we could buy more for six dollars?

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison: Infinite Father, Maker and Savior of the world, who hast made of one blood all men who dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast sent us to tell the wonder of thy love to all races and nations of men; so enlarge our minds and deepen our hearts, we pray thee, that our love may be a world-feeling, and our sorrow a world-grief, until thy light and thy truth shine in all the dark places of the earth, and thy saving love is the joy of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NOTE—The above informative service was written by Mrs. R. H. Garvey for a special service at Plymouth Church in Wichita where Mrs. John W. Gibson told of her recent visit to mission stations in the Near East. We are making it available with the thought that it might be used in local churches on special missionary occassions.